



CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting. The Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning (CJJP) Advisory Council met November 18, 2015, in the Iowa Utilities Board Building on the State Capitol complex.

Division Update. Steve Michael, Director of the CJJP Division of the Department of Human Rights, reported on several items:

- Results First Initiative representatives visited Des Moines in October and presented a cost-benefit analysis model and recommendations to the State Government Efficiency Review Committee. The group also met with the Department of Human Rights to discuss the implementation of the Results First Initiative in Iowa.
- The Division is awaiting word on federal grants applications, including one grant for reentry program implementation for juvenile offenders and another grant for a statistical analysis center.
- The CJJP is currently working on a public access portal that will allow members of the public to access CJJP crime data independently. The public access portal is projected to reduce the amount of public data requests the CJJP staff members receive.
- The Division applied for and received a grant for the treatment of youth sex offenders.

Draft Reports Discussed. Staff provided draft copies of reports to allow for Council input before final versions are issued. The draft copies included:

- Legislation Monitoring: An annual report that tracks legislative changes that were enacted and data relating to those changes. The Council gave suggestions for edits and additions to the document and discussed the possibility of reformatting next year's document. Reformatting suggestions included reassessing the issues tracked by the CJJP, as well as the length of time each issue should be tracked, based on the informational needs of the Legislature.
- The Five-Year Plan Annual Update: Provides five-year goals and an annual update to the 20-year plan mandated by the Iowa Code.

Report Approved. The Five-Year Plan Annual Update was approved by the Council after discussion.

Issue Discussion. The Council discussed its jurisdiction to review the State Public Defender's Office and provide recommendations regarding topics of concern. Topics that were raised in the meeting included the quality and experience of attorneys in the public defender system and the number of attorneys eligible to represent indigent clients in Class C and more serious felonies, especially in rural counties.

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